

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities
Minutes of November 9, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Keith Willette at 7 p.m. in Meeting Room A.

Members in Attendance

Keith Willette - Chair
Gail Sokolowski - Vice Chair
Barbara Smith - Secretary
Jerry Berrier - Communication and Web Site Liason

Members not in attendance

Loretta Henry - Senior Center Liason
Dan Morgado - Town Manager

Guests

None

Town Liason Report

Gail Sokolowski had a report from Anne Dagle saying she received a letter from the Access Specialist from Massachusetts Office of Disabilities dated 11/4/04 confirming that all polling locations in Shrewsbury have been updated to include access for the elderly and disabled voters . The municipality is now in full compliance regarding accessibility to polling places.

Ms. Sokolowski also reported that Dan Morgado stated he had not received a report from Chief Sampson regarding the crosswalk on Maple Avenue across from the post office, but still has an enforcement officer on detail monitoring the situation.

Ms. Sokolowski motioned to approve the meeting minutes of 10/12/04 and was seconded by Keith Willette.

Appointments

None

Phone Log

None

Bills

None

Member Discussion

Barbara Smith stated concern regarding the sidewalks in town not being able to accommodate wheelchairs since it appeared that some of the lamp posts were situated in the middle of the sidewalk and not allowing enough clearance on either side for wheelchairs and scooters. Gail Sokolowski stated she had a conversation with Jack Perrault, Town Engineer specifically addressing the sidewalk on the southbound side of Grafton Street by the center of town, which is south of Main Street and this particular area does have a 36 inch clearance which is in compliance. Gail stated she would follow-up with Loretta Henry regarding the other sidewalk areas in town.

Old Business

None

Our next meeting will be on December 14th at 7:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Smith